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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1975

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS. EUR, IO, AND PM DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

ARA:WDROGERS

GUATEMALA -- AMBASSADOR ASENSIO CAME IN. HE HAS JUST RETURNED FROM HIS CAPITAL. HE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THE US AND GUATEMALAN SHIPPING LINES, A PROBLEM OF AIRLINE CERTIFICATION AND SIMILARLY COSMIC MATTERS, AS WELL AS BELIZE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BRIEFING -- I NEGLECTED TO REPORT EARLIER THAT I PARTICIPATED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL WEDNESDAY MORNING BRIEFING, NATURALLY ENOUGH ON WEDNESDAY MORNING. THERE WAS PRECIOUS LITTLE INTEREST OR CONCERN IN CUBA, ALTHOUGH I MENTIONED THAT THEIR FORMER COLLEAGUE MAILLIARD HAD VOTED FOR THE FREEDOM OF ACTION RESOLUTION A FEW HOURS BEFORE. THIS WAS INTERESTING
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FOR THE GROUP REPRESENTED THE ENTIRE POLITICAL SPECTRUM. THIS LAST FACT QUICKLY BECAME EVIDENT WHEN WE MOVED ON TO PANAMA. THERE WAS STRONG SENTIMENT AND CONCERN ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS -- AND ALMOST AS MUCH IGNORANCE. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE WAS A HEALTHY REPRESENTATION

OF THOSE LIKE CONGRESSMAN METCALF, WHO ARE PREPARED TO ARTICULATE THE REASONS WHY WE SHOULD MODERNIZE OUR RELATIONS. IT WAS CLEAR TO ME FROM THIS, ONCE AGAIN, THAT DELIBERATE AND REASONED DISCUSSION ON THE HILL CAN ONLY HELP, AS LONG AS WE DO NOT MAKE A CRUSADE OUT OF IT.

L - MONROE LEIGH

-- LEIGH CONSULTED WITH UNDER SECRETARY MAW ON THE QUESTION OF PREPARING A LEGAL MEMORANDUM ON THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE TURKISH ARMS QUESTION. IT WAS DECIDED TO AVOID A DEFINITIVE LEGAL MEMO AND TO PREPARE INSTEAD A LIST OF RELEVANT POINTS AND ARGUMENTS FOR THE USE OF U.S. OFFICIALS.

-- ALDRICH APPROVED A LEGAL MEMO WHICH CONCLUDES THAT SECTION 620(N) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT HAS NO PRESENT EFFECT. THIS IS THE SECTION THAT PROHIBITS AID TO COUNTRIES ASSISTING NORTH VIETNAM WHILE THE NORTH IS ENGAGED IN HOSTILITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

-- ALDRICH PROPOSED TO PM A REVISION IN MR. VEST'S AFFIDAVIT CONCERNING THE LITIGATION FOR YOUR SALT BACK-GROUND PRESS CONFERENCE TO MAKE THE AFFIDAVIT CONFORM MORE CLOSELY WITH THE STATUTORY STANDARDS.

-- SCHWEBEL REDRAFTED AN AIDE MEMOIRE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU REQUESTING THAT IMMEDIATE PROCEDURES BE INSTITUTED LOOKING TOWARDS PAYMENT OF JUST COMPENSATION TO THE MARCONA MINING COMPANY FOR THE TAKING OF ITS ASSETS AND RIGHTS IN PERU.

-- SCHWEBEL JOINED ARA IN DRAFTING A PROTEST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU FOR ITS ENDEAVORING TO REQUIRE THE OFFLOADING FROM A U.S. VESSEL OF A CONSIGNMENT OF MERCHANDISE OWNED BY THE MARCONA CORPORATION OF SAN FRANCISCO DESPITE THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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CORPORATION'S INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CARRIER TO RETURN THE CONSIGNMENT TO NEW ORLEANS.

-- SCHWEBEL DRAFTED INSTRUCTIONS TO OUR EMBASSY IN CAIRO RESPECTING THE CONTENT OF A STATEMENT TO BE MADE AT THE FINAL SESSION OF THE CURRENT ROUND OF TALKS ON SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS OF U.S. NATIONALS AGAINST EGYPT. PROGRESS IS BEING MADE AND TALKS WILL RESUME IN OCTOBER.

EB - JULIUS L. KATZ, ACTING

I INFORMED FRED JAICKS OF INLAND STEEL, CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE (AISI), OF CHUCK ROBINSON'S APPROACH TO THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY

ON STEEL IMPORTS. CHUCK POINTED OUT THAT THE UNDER-TAKING BETWEEN JAPANESE STEEL INDUSTRY TO RESTRAIN EXPORTS TO EUROPE HAS GIVEN RISE TO CONCERN THAT THEIR STEEL EXPORTS MIGHT BE DIVERTED TO THE U.S. OUR INTENTION WAS TO REGISTER CONCERN WITH THE JAPANESE WITHOUT, AT THIS STAGE, ASKING THEM FOR SPECIFIC ACTION. JAICKS WAS VERY PLEASED THAT WE HAD MADE THIS APPROACH. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION JAICKS RESPONDED TO THE REQUEST WE HAD MADE EARLIER IN THE WEEK FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH THE STEEL INDUSTRY ON U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL TIN AGREEMENT. JAICKS UNDERTOOK TO ARRANGE A MEETING NEXT WEEK WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF STEEL COMPANIES ON U.S. PARTICIPATION. THE SUPPORT, OR AT LEAST NON-OBJECTION, OF THE STEEL INDUSTRY IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT. THEIR OPPOSITION HAS KEPT THE U.S. OUT OF THE TIN AGREEMENT FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS. CHANGES IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MAJOR COMPANIES, HOWEVER, OPENS WITH PROSPECT THAT WE CAN REVERSE THIS ATTITUDE.

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ETHIOPIA: WE MET WITH DOD/ISA AND PM REPRESENTATIVES TODAY TO TAKE STOCK OF SOME BOTTLENECKS IN OUR ETHIOPIAN MAP PROGRAM. THE INDECISIVENESS OF THE EPMG ON A RANGE OF EQUIPMENT, THEIR FAILURE TO SIGN LETTERS OF OFFER AND TO MUSTER NECESSARY TRAINEES ON SCHEDULE ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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THREATENING TO DELAY DELIVERIES OF SEVERAL CATEGORIES OF SUPPLIES. WE ARE PREPARING AN OMNIBUS MESSAGE ON THESE ITEMS TO ENCOURAGE EMBASSY ADDIS AND THE MAAG TO OBTAIN EARLY ACTION FROM THE ETHIOPIANS.

UK AND ANGOLA: FOLLOWING YOUR MESSAGE OF APPROVAL I INFORMED THE BRITISH EMBASSY THIS AFTERNOON OF OUR WILLINGNESS TO PROTECT UK INTERESTS IN ANGOLA. ON MONDAY WE WILL GET DOWN TO THE MODALITIES.

CONGRESSMAN DIGGS: I JOINED BOB INGERSOLL FOR A USEFUL SESSION WITH CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS.

MONDAY: I WILL HAVE LUNCH WITH COUNSELOR RICHARD SAMUEL OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY.

NEA - ATHERTON

1. SID SOBER CHAIRED A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PENTAGON AND SOME BUREAUS IN THE DEPARTMENT ON NEXT STEPS REGARDING MIDEASTFOR. WE NEED TO FORMULATE A POSITION NOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN HAS REAFFIRMED ITS INSISTENCE ON SETTING A TERMINATION DATE OF JUNE

1977 FOR MIDEASTFOR. THE PENTAGON REPS EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THAT DATE, GIVEN THE GOB'S POSITION. WE ARE WORKING ON VARIOUS OPTIONS ON STEPS WE COULD NOW TAKE.

EA - MR. HABIB

GERMAN INTEREST IN SEATO'S FUTURE. BOB MILLER SAW THE GERMAN MINISTER-COUNSELOR AT THE LATTER'S REQUEST FOR A DISCUSSION OF SEATO'S FUTURE IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT THAI-FILIPINO COMMUNIQUE CALLING FOR SEATO PHASE-OUT. THE GERMAN COUNSELOR SAID THAT BONN WAS CONCERNED THAT THE DISMANTLING OF SEATO COULD "UPSET THE MILITARY BALANCE IN THE AREA". MILLER EXPLAINED THAT WE WOULD BE INFLUENCED LARGELY BY THAI VIEWS ON THE MATTER AND THAT THE FALL SEATO COUNCIL MEETING WOULD OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF SEATO'S FUTURE.

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EA OFFICERS DISCUSS ASIAN POLICY. IN ONE OF MY PERIODIC RAP SESSIONS WITH THE SUB-COUNTRY DIRECTOR LEVEL OFFICERS OF THE BUREAU, WE TACKLED THE SUBJECT OF OVER-ALL U.S. ASIAN POLICY, POST-VIET-NAM. INTERESTINGLY, IN ASSESSING THREATS TO U.S. INTERESTS, THERE WAS A WIDESPREAD FEELING THAT A MAJOR THREAT STEMS FROM POTENTIAL INTERNAL DISLOCATION IN A NUMBER OF EA COUNTRIES, E.G., INDONESIA, THE PHILIPPINES, KOREA AND THAILAND. WITH DIMINISHING U.S. RESOURCES WHICH CAN OR MUST BE DEVOTED TO THOSE COUNTRIES, U.S. LEVERAGE AVAILABLE TO PROTECT OUR INTERESTS WAS ALSO THOUGHT TO BE ON THE DECLINE.

KOREAN SOUNDINGS ON THE HILL. FORMER KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER LEE TONG WON CAME IN AND TOLD ME THAT HE IS IN TOWN TAKING SOUNDINGS FOR PRESIDENT PARK ON HILL ATTITUDES VIS-A-VIS KOREA. LEE IS CLOSE TO PARK, AND I DO NOT DOUBT THE VERACITY OF HIS CLAIMED MISSION. HE HAS SEEN SPEAKER ALBERT, HUMPHREY AND OTHERS ON THE HILL, AND REPORTED THAT THE WORD HE RECEIVES IS THAT IT IS TIME FOR PARK TO DEMONSTRATE SOME MODERATION IN HIS DOMESTIC POLICIES. LEE SAID HE WOULD CARRY THAT WORD BACK TO PARK.

H - ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY

1. TURKISH ARMS - BILL BROOMFIELD SPENT THE MORNING SEEKING A MEANS OF BRINGING THE TURKEY BILL TO THE FLOOR, IMPLYING THE POSSIBILITY OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONGRESS IF A VOTE WERE NOT TAKEN TODAY. HE WOULD HAVE NEEDED A 2/3 VOTE TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO BRING THE BILL TO THE FLOOR, AND BY EARLY AFTERNOON CONCEDED THAT IT WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION.

2. PANAMA: BYRD BACKED DOWN - HARRY BYRD BACKED OFF LAST EVENING FROM OFFERING ANTI-TREATY PROVISIONS ON THE CANAL ISSUE BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY OPPOSITION OF A GROUP OF SENATORS HEADED BY HUMPHREY, PASTORE AND CRANSTON. THE TWO BLOCKING MOTIONS THAT WE HAD DEVELOPED CONVINCED BYRD NOT TO OFFER HIS AMENDMENT. A TABLING MOTION, SPONSORED BY HUMPHREY AND CRANSTON, HAD 62 SUPPORTING VOTES. HAD THAT MOTION FAILED, SENATOR PASTORE WAS READY TO OFFER SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD HAVE COMMANDED WIDE
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SUPPORT. BYRD LATER TOLD PASTORE THAT HE WOULD TACK ON ANTI-CANAL TREATY AMENDMENTS WHEN STATE APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION BILLS COME UP IN SEPTEMBER. BYRD HAS BACK OFF TWICE IN THE LAST FOUR DAYS WHEN FACED WITH CERTAIN DEFEAT ON THE FLOOR. NATURALLY, SOME OF OUR SUPPORT CAME FROM MEMBERS WHO WERE OPPOSED TO TYING THE PRESIDENT'S HANDS AND MAY NOT SUPPORT A TREATY. NONETHELESS, THE SUPPORT THEY GAVE US WAS IMPRESSIVE.

3. CONFIRMATIONS - THE SENATE TODAY CONFIRMED THE UNGA DELEGATES AND THEIR ALTERNATES. THE CAREER MINISTER LIST WAS PASSED OVER BECAUSE OF AN OBJECTION ENTERED BY HELMS. WE HAVE A REPORT THAT HIS OBJECTION STEMS FROM HIS DISAGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE PRESIDENT OVER THE TREATMENT OF SOLZHENITSYN. INGERSOLL

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